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Irving Pearce



Sherman
House

Chicago March 18th 1888

Dear Mr. Bishop

I received your dear and expected letter of the 13th inst. yesterday and also the plans & specifications. Bishop & Marty fell and wrote to me. He requested me to give you his letter & send it on to you. I left the fair in Chicago on Thursday evening last intending to return here by Monday for business but got only 70 miles out when a severe shock of rheumatism disabled me & I proceeded no farther, and after a days rest returned to Chicago. I feel better now. The whole trouble was caused by over work. I had to sell every thing I owned for St. Josephs buying farming implements and household goods for Rev. Mr. S. J. who was very slow and wanted to see little things as buying some goats, sheep, chickens etc. Instead of going straight ahead to attend to the most urgent business; and when I left Chicago I was sweating weak & exhausted. Now to your inquiries 1. The deaf & dumb boy is all right

His illness

2. I have ordered made at once a wooden coffin, stone material for the grave of Sister St Wilhelmina O. S. B. To be shipped to Baltimore as soon as the body arrives from New York. The freight is nearly nothing on account of the R. R. freight cutting.
3. Plans were sent to Very Rev. Ignace O. S. B. for execution. Willard left him last year. Let him send an estimate and then will instruct him and subdivide the project for speaking.
4. Let Mr. Burns make out his estimate & apportion the brick building at St. Josephs and a stone basement for high walls and cellars, wash houses laundry and a room for a great deal of additional room without and inside. We can get within the limits of the price. No more stone. The whole building with an stone basement will not exceed the cost of \$1000 complete. The mason will give us the cost of a variety in the punctual fulfillment. His estimate I shall especially calculate about the thickness of the brick & stone walls. The frost does not go deep there at Philadelphia. This is the basis of his calculation.
5. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the common. You promised to offer a mass for me on the 1st of July. I shall offer my mass for dear Uncl. for his journey home! Some thing urges me to hurry back, but at it is I do not know yet. I will do so as soon as possible and will call at once on you.

It remains me to your own Sisters and
believe me to be very gratefully yours in the

Yours affectionately
Charles Henry Joseph
O. S. B. St. Josephs